

MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2002 @ 12 NOON

EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5TH FLOOR 1010 SECOND AVENUE

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Attendees:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Chair: Juliana Humphrey, St. Clair Adams, Dale Kelly-Bankhead, Dr. Best, Larry Chaidez, Ann Shanahan-Walsh, Jerry Meier, Michael Bartelmo and Mike Barbee. Staff: Ed Plank, Alison Glennon, Lisa Foster, Staa Heshimu.

Summary from September 20, 2002, approved with no changes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

PS&NS De-Brief

A de-brief of the recent PS&NS Meeting of October 16 took place. The Task Force discussed their reactions to the amendments which the PS&NS Committee proposed (draft of the Committee actions was distributed). It was noted that there was a typo in the guidelines initially presented to the Committee (patients per caregiver was noted as 6 versus 12). The amendments made by the committee included: prohibiting public smoking of marijuana, not allowing individuals on parole or probation or with a criminal record of serious or violent felonies to be caregivers, not allowing minors to be caregivers, reducing the maximum number of patients per caregiver from 12 to 6 and requiring training on guideline implementation for caregivers.

Concern was expressed over the clarity of the smoking restrictions and that the draft amendment language might be duplicative. It was noted that background checks would need to be performed and that a process to do this would be needed. There was also concern over the Committee's intent with respect to the training requirement for caregivers. Ed Plank indicated he would share these concerns with the Steve Russell, PS&NS Committee Consultant.

It was noted that the current verification card ordinance currently allows 12 patients per caregiver. If the full Council adopts the amended guidelines then the ordinance would be amended from 12 to 6.

RFP Update

The Chair noted receipt of a letter from Alliance indicating no seed money was allotted by the

organization for the verification card program. Jerry Meier volunteered to set up meetings to pursue seed money possibilities and create an action plan to have the money in place before re-issuing the RFP. A detailed mailing list has been created targeting non-profit organizations and is ready for use. RFP will be issued as soon as seed money is found.

New Business

Dr. Mattison is coordinating with Stephen Russell regarding the UCSD Tour.

Public Comment

Public comments regarding need for larger room for monthly meetings and if televising was feasible. Also request to establish mechanism for people to make donations for Task Force initiatives.